

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:

A child under eighteen years of age

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Docket Number: _____

Charge(s): _____

Felony Charge (s) and Tennessee Code Citation (s):

**ORDER FOR INPATIENT EVALUATION OF A CHILD
UNDER T.C.A. § 37-1-128(e)(1)
AND NON-CUSTODIAL ASSESSMENT BY
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

This cause was heard on the ____ day of _____, 20____. It appeared to the court that there was reason to believe that the child has a mental illness and/or mental retardation and that it would be in the best interests of the child to undergo an evaluation to determine his or her mental status to assist the court in its disposition. It appeared to the court that to have a thorough and complete assessment; it would be necessary to involve both a mental health care provider and the Department of Children's Services (DCS).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The child undergo evaluation and treatment at _____
(facility designated by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities)
for up to thirty (30) days from the date of admission.
2. The Youth Service Officer (YSO) notify the admissions office of designated facility of this court order and the sheriff shall transport the child, together with a certified copy of this order, to the treating facility for admission.
3. The Department of Children's Services' representative shall facilitate gathering information necessary for a thorough assessment.
4. The provider and DCS shall share any information or data on the child without a consent for release of information, including any information or data obtained from sources other than those referenced in this order. The provider and DCS are authorized to provide such information to any other provider recommended to the court as necessary for additional services to the child.
5. The Department of Children's Services shall immediately proceed with a non-custodial assessment to determine the need for TennCare benefits and services provided by or accessed through the Department and shall report its findings to the Court within 30 days from date of this order. DCS or the provider shall urge the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian to apply for TennCare benefits on behalf of the child. The representative of the Department of Children's Services shall meet with the family of the child as soon as possible to assist in the application for TennCare benefits. If the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian refuses or

is in any way unavailable to apply for TennCare benefits, DCS is authorized under T.C.A. § 37-1-128(c)(2) to apply for TennCare benefits on behalf of the child.

6. The provider shall notify the appropriate Behavioral Health Organization or other potential payer as soon as possible after determination of any further treatment, care, training, or other services recommended to the Court.
7. The staff of the facility, upon completion of the evaluation and not later than thirty (30) days from the date of admission, file a report with the court which shall include the following:
 - a. Whether the child has a mental illness or mental retardation;
 - b. Whether the child is subject to voluntary admission or involuntary commitment;
 - c. The type of care, training and treatment required to address any mental illness or mental retardation found;
 - d. In conjunction with the Department of Children's Services, any resources available to provide such services;
 - e. Specific forensic issues:

 - f. Other issues:

8. When the provider notifies the court that the evaluation is complete, it shall also notify the sheriff to return the child to the court.

ENTERED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Approved for Entry:

JUDGE

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